

PREFACE

At line 1, ~~delete~~ "claim 1 or 12" and ~~insert~~ --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

At line 1, delete "claim 1 or 12" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

At line 1, ~~delete "claim 1 or 12" and insert~~ --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

At line 1, ~~delete~~ "claim 1 or 12" and ~~insert~~ --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

At line 1, delete "claim 1 or 12" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

At line 1, ~~delete~~ "claim 1 or 12" and ~~insert~~ --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

At line 1, delete ~~"claim 1 or 12"~~ and insert ~~--claim 1--~~.

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

At line 1, delete "claim 1 or 12" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

At line 1, delete "claim 26 or 27" and insert --claim 26--.